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The pastor will continue his series of Sabbath evening sermons on observations in other lands during the months of December and January. Bring your friends to these services. Let us get busy and do all we can to make our Sabbath services helpful to as many people as we can.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Knot are now settled in their new home, in Forest Park.

Help to make the Sunday evening service an inspiration. Come yourself and speak a good word for it. Be a helper and not a stumbling block. The world would soon grow better if it could see in professed Christians more devotion, more loyalty, more spirituality. Enthusiasm is God in us — "Watch, Pray, Push" are three dynamics that make the church move.

The Layman's League held a meeting in the lecture rooms of the church on Thursday evening, Nov. 14. In the absence of the president, Mr. H. E. Vordermark was asked to preside. Several matters of business were discussed and acted upon, chief of which was the men's annual supper, which it was decided to give, as in former years, on New Year's evening.

The campaign for a new Hope hospital is now on. An effort will be made to visit every family in the city and to solicit their co-operation and help. Everyone is needed in order to make this enterprise a success. No more worthy object could be brought before the public. It merits the interest and help of every Protestant in Fort Wayne.

As we are going to press with this issue of the parish paper, our younger brother, Mr. Irving Bitner, has just

passed into his eternal home. The obituary will appear in the December number of the Visitor.

The ladies of the church will have their Christmas sale Thursday afternoon and evening, December 4th. They will serve a chicken and noodle supper from 5 to 8 o'clock. All the women of the church are asked to contribute to this sale and supper. Bring your friends to the sale and supper.

A beautiful home wedding took place on Wednesday evening, Oct. 22nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of 501 East Creighton avenue, where their daughter Gertrude became the bride of Mr. Frank Sheets, of New Castle, Pa. In the presence of about one hundred guests, Rev. Dr. A. K. Hartman, who has been the life-long pastor of the bride, united the bride and groom in marriage. Mrs. H. B. Tiefenbach, of Bluffton played the wedding music and the bride's brother, Earl sang before the bridal party came down stairs. Mrs. Earl Thompson was matron of honor and Margaret Metzner was the little flower girl. Mr. Byron Sheets, a cousin of the groom, from Erie, Pa., was best man. The bride is a very interesting and accomplished young lady and has hosts of friends in the city. She has been identified with the Grace Reformed church since a child, and has been active in the work of the church. At a late hour in the evening the bride and groom left for a trip in the east. After December 1st, they will be at home in New Castle, Pa., where the groom has a position with the Pennsylvania company. We wish our young friends all the happiness and success in life imaginable. We hope to see them back to Fort Wayne.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

How could the church carry on its work without the co-operation of these few faithful and self-sacrificing women. We say few, for they are few, comparatively speaking. The frescoing has been completed and is paid for, and who did it? The carpet is brought and partly paid. Who is to finish paying for it? The few women who have all the planning to do and all the work as well. The women who have for years been willing to give their time and work. But why should a few women bear all the burdens? Can it be that they are the only ones who are interested enough to make self denials. We are not justified by faith alone—"Faith without works is dead." James 2: 22. The church's need is our opportunity for service, and to every man his work. The perplexing question that is forever coming up is: How can the people who are always excusing themselves from doing any actual work for the church hope to be justified. Their faith will not do it, and they never do any work, so their case is settled so far as God is concerned. About a dozen women, all told, have met from week to week to sew and work for the church. It can truly be said of them: They have a part in the carpet and all other enterprises undertaken by the church. But what about the many who have just as much time and opportunity and never do a thing? If any are physically disabled or any of their family, we are sure God will excuse them, as will also the church; but the trifling excuse that they simply do not have time, when they have all the time there is, has grown old and threadbare, and will not do to tell God nor the church. Is it not a duty that every woman who belongs to the church owes, to give some actual work as well as time and interest to help the church along. Think over it and pray about it and let God decide the question for you. You need not be in doubt as to your obligation. "Faith without works is dead." Are you a worker?

In place of any woman asking to have her name erased there should now be fifty women of those who have never helped come forward and give time, interest and work.

The following is a little extract from the Christian Endeavor World. We hope it may serve a purpose:

"The old church bell had long been cracked,

Its call was but a groan;

It seemed to sound a funeral knell

With every broken tone.

'We need a bell,' the brethren said,

'But taxes must be paid;

We have no money we can spare—

Just ask the Ladies' Aid!

"The shingles on the roof were old;

The rain came down in rills;

The brethren slowly shook their heads

And spoke of 'monthly bills.'

The chairman of the board arose

And said, 'I am afraid

That we shall have to lay the case

Before the Ladies' Aid.'

"The carpet had been patched and patched

Till quite beyond repair,

And through the aisles and on the steps

The boards showed hard and bare.

'It is too bad,' the brethren said;

'An effort must be made

To raise an interest on the part

Of members of the Aid.'

"The preacher's stipend was behind;

The poor man blushed to meet

The grocer and the butcher as

They passed him on the street;

But nobly spoke the brethren then:

'Pastor, you shall be paid!

We'll call upon the treasurer

Of our good Ladies' Aid.'

"'Ah!' said the men, 'the way to heaven

Is long and hard and steep;

With slopes of care on either side,

The path 'tis hard to keep.

We cannot climb the heights alone;

Our hearts are sore dismayed;

We'er shall get to heaven at all

Without the Ladies' Aid!"

While attending the Council of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches at Aberdeen, we had the good fortune of being entertained in the home of one of the old Scotch families in the city. The home was composed of a brother, Mr. David Abernethy, two sisters, the Misses Marion and Catherine, and a niece, Miss Ella MacAllan. We shall always think it was kind Providence that directed us to this delightful home on Ferry Hill, where we were so cordially received, and were made so comfortable during the council. When we reached Aberdeen we were quite weary from our long journey, and felt not a little strange in that far away city. What a relief it was to us to be welcomed into this good Christian home. We shall always be thankful that our lot fell to us in such pleasant places. We surely appreciated the kindness of these good people. Being one of the old families in the north of Scotland, they had a wide circle of acquaintances in that whole section of the country, as well as in the city. When the delegates were given the excursion to Balmoral Castle, it was a great pleasure to have Miss Catherine accompany us, who was familiar with every part of the way, and acquainted with many of the people at Balmoral. Later, on a Wednesday afternoon, David, together with the sisters and a niece, took us on a long trip by rail north and west of the city to Nethy-bridge, a beautiful little village on the river Spey, where the family often goes for a holiday. From the little town we had a long drive through the old pine forest in the north of Scotland, where the scenery was most picturesque, with its hills and mountains, its lakes and streams, its fragrant wild flowers, and where we saw the wild deer and the English lark with its sweet song, and many other birds that were entirely new to us. The air was crisp and invigorating and the drive gave us a relish for the supper upon our return to the little town.

Our sojourn in Aberdeen was one of the most interesting and pleasant parts of our trip. Aberdeen is a beautiful city on the North Sea, known as the "Silver City on the Sea." It has magnificent buildings constructed of granite, and has one of the largest fish markets in the world. On the morning when we visited the market there were 400 tons of fish unloaded, while on a previous morning 1062 tons came in. Since leaving Aberdeen we have received numerous letters, post cards and pictures from our friends on Ferry Hill. By a recent mail we received a package of Scotch heather with which the mountains are covered in the early autumn. We hope sometime we may have the pleasure of entertaining these friends in our own home in America.

We cannot help but wonder why there are not more of the women of the Church who attended the all-day sewings. The number of those who come is not very large but they are a busy set and have a splendid good social time and are certainly to be commended for the work they are doing. Some came early in the morning and remained all day; others came for the afternoon. If you want to spend a day real pleasantly and at the same time do some work for the Church come to the sewings. Get acquainted with the other women of the church and give them a chance to get acquainted with you. You will be amazed to see how your interest in the Church will grow if you once get fully into the work of the church and when you become better acquainted with the people in the Church. You can easily afford to make the sacrifice and give at least once in a while a day or part of a day, for the social and industrial gatherings at your church. If you are not interested in the Church here is a remedy for your lack of interest; begin to work for the church, devote some of your time and give more of your energy for the Lord's cause.

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Martha More slipped and injured her knee. She now has it in a cast and will be kept from school for a number of weeks.

Miss Ruth Gumpfer spent a week in Bluffton, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach.

Mrs. Boals has been at home from the Lutheran hospital for several weeks. When the pastor last called to see her, she was continuing to improve.

Miss Nellie Guliaum has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave the hospital and is at home on Randolph street. We hope to see her well enough in a short time to be able to be out again.

Mrs. Wickliff has been very ill at her home on Columbia avenue. She will be glad to see any of the women at her home. She has asked to be remembered in the prayers of our people.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf attended the W. C. T. U. National and International Conventions held at Brooklyn and New York, coming home through Washington, D. C. She reports a fine trip.

We must not forget to speak about the generosity of the Downing and Hafner bakeries in furnishing a liberal supply of bread for the village store at the Sunday School bazaar.

We are indebted to Mr. Frank Leikauf for a generous supply of Michigan potatoes. We surely appreciate his kindness. It has been many days since we have eaten such fine potatoes.

Mrs. E. A. Metz, a cousin of Mrs. Zartman, from Wolcottville, attended the Methodist Conference of Home Missions held in the Wayne Street M. E. church. She made a pleasant little visit at the parsonage during her stay in the city.

New arrivals in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heyman, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shiffer—two new names for the Cradle Roll. Mary Ellen Heyman, born the 2d of November, and Maynard Carlisle Shiffer, born the 18th of November. Their names are already recorded.

Mr. Frank More recently spent a week in Philadelphia at the Baldwin Locomotive works in the interests of the Pennsylvania Company. On the Sabbath, while in the city, he worshipped at the Heidelberg Reformed church, of which Dr. R. C. Zartman is pastor.

The pastor and wife spent a few days at Canton, Ohio, the first of the month. While there we were guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Herbruck for an evening at their beautiful suburban home. We were more than pleased to spend an evening with these friends and talk over our delightful experiences while traveling together in Switzerland in the month of July. They are both feeling quite well and had a very pleasant trip. Trinity Reformed church of Canton, of which Dr. Herbruck has been pastor for over twenty-five years, is just completing a magnificent new church at a cost of about \$100,000. When completed it will be the best equipped and finest church building in the city.

The Young People's society held its monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wertman on Columbia avenue Tuesday evening, Nov. 11. At this meeting an election of officers was held, the result of which was as follows: President, Evan Williams; vice president, Miss Lulu Bitner; secretary, Miss Nora Minor; treasurer, Miss Bertha Weickart; pianist, Miss Ruth More. Four new members were received at this meeting: Miss Waneta Heyman, Miss Elsie Krenz, Miss Mabel Weickart and Earl Dinger.

The committees for the year have not

yet been appointed, but will be announced in the December issue of the Visitor. The young people had a very pleasant and interesting meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

It is gratifying to see the increased attendance and interest in the Sunday School. Keep it up.

We are now nearing the Christmas season and a meeting of the Sunday School officers, teachers and workers will be held next Wednesday evening to make some plans for our Christmas services.

Miss Bertha Weikert has taken a class of girls recently promoted from the Primary Department.

In another column we have a review of the Sunday School Bazaar. No small share of the success is due to the work of the women. Now let us assist them all we can to make their supper and sale, to be held Thursday, Dec. 4, equally as successful.

We are in hopes of having some new hymnals for the Sunday School in a short time.

It is highly gratifying to see all our teachers in their places on time each Sunday. The superintendent knows then just what he can do. Let us endeavor to be on time every Sunday.

Let us pray and work for the Sunday School and we will be rewarded in attendance and interest.

The bazaar given by the Sunday School on Thursday and Friday evenings, Nov. 20 and 21, was a pronounced success and everyone attending had a good time. While the attendance Friday night was not as large as we had hoped for, still the interest taken by everyone was an encouragement to those in charge.

The classes all worked hard and the result amply repaid their efforts. Among the interesting things was the village store which had for sale a large variety of things and which was liberally patronized. The Agenda class, which had charge of the ice cream sales, converted the primary rooms into an Indian camp. The young men in this class deserve credit for their interest and originality. The candy, popcorn and peanut restaurant, Jack Horner pie and fish pond were all nicely decorated and each did their share toward making the bazaar a success.

While the figures are not complete, it is safe to say the net receipts will exceed \$50.00.

All those having tickets for which they have not settled are requested to do so as soon as possible with Treasurer Williams, so he can make a complete report.

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Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. F. R. Dinger and Samuel Brown entertained the women of the church at the home of Mrs. H. P. Dinger on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 30. There was a good representation of the women at this gathering and they had a very pleasant social afternoon. It should be understood that all the women of the church and their friends are invited to these social meetings.

Mrs. H. J. Straub entertained the Woman's Missionary society at her home, 734 Archer avenue, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20. The women are very much interested in their mission study work. Many more of our women should be identified with this society. They are surely missing great opportunities for training and education in missionary work.

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